

Notice of Allowability

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3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10Sep2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

THOMAS R. PEESO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination. According to an aspect related to the present invention, an encryption apparatus includes an encryption operation unit configured to perform a non-linear function, said encryption operation unit being provided with a Feistel type encryption algorithm and configured to output encrypted data; and a changing unit configured to change a result of an encryption operation into irrelevant data for output to the non-linear function, wherein said changing unit starts changing the result into said irrelevant data after said encrypted data is output. According to another aspect related to the present invention, An encryption apparatus includes an encryption processing unit configured to iterate a specified operation in order to encrypt data and to externally output the encrypted data, said encryption processing unit, including: a non-linear transformation circuit configured to non-linearly transform an input first data block based on input key information and configured to output the non-linearly transformed result value, a logical operation circuit configured to logically operate on the non-linearly transformed result value and an input second data block and configured to output the logical operated result value, and a substitution module configured to substitute said second data block with said first data block and said first data block with the logical operated result value; and a changing module configured to change said key information input into said non-linear transformation circuit into a value unrelated to said key information, wherein said changing module begins execution after said

encrypted data is output from said encryption processing unit. According to another aspect related to the present invention, an encryption apparatus includes an encryption processing unit configured to iterate a specified operation in order to encrypt data and to externally output the encrypted data, said encryption processing unit, including: a non-linear transformation circuit configured to non-linearly transform an input first data block based on input key information and configured to output the non-linearly transformed result value, a logical operation circuit configured to logically operate the non-linearly transformed result value and an input second data block and configured to output the logical operated result value, and a substitution module configured to substitute said second data block with said first data block and said first data block with the logical operated result value; and a first changing unit configured to change said first data. According to another aspect related to the present invention, An encryption apparatus includes an encryption processing unit configured to iterate a specified operation in order to encrypt data and to externally output the encrypted data, said encryption processing unit, including: a non-linear transformation circuit configured to non-linearly transform an input first data block based on input key information and configured to output the non-linearly transformed result value, a logical operation circuit configured to logically operate on the non-linearly transformed result value and an input second data block and configured to output the logical operated result value, and a substitution module configured to substitute said second data block with said first data block and said first data block with the logical operated result value; and a changing

module configured to change said key information input into said non-linear transformation circuit into a value unrelated to said key information, wherein said changing module begins execution after said encrypted data is output from said encryption processing unit. According to another aspect related to the present invention, an encryption apparatus includes an encryption processing unit configured to iterate a specified operation in order to encrypt data and to externally output the encrypted data, said encryption processing unit, including: a non-linear transformation circuit configured to non-linearly transform an input first data block based on input key information and configured to output the non-linearly transformed result value, a logical operation circuit configured to logically operate the non-linearly transformed result value and an input second data block and configured to output the logical operated result value, and a substitution module configured to substitute said second data block with said first data block and said first data block with the logical operated result value; and a first changing unit configured to change said first data

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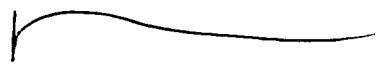
These features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas R. Peeso whose telephone number is 571 272-3809. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The central fax number for the office is 571 273-8300.

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